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K. E. Davis **RECEIVED** Montrose - Torrance Plant SiteH. B. Morley str 9 1981  
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Soil samples taken on the Montrose plant property, around the plant perimeter and in the drainage area south of the property show substantial contamination of DDT.

Samples from the eastern (Normandie Avenue) side of the plant property and the drainage area showed DDT levels in the 1000 to 1800 ppm range. Samples taken outside the perimeter of the plant but not in the drainage area were as high as 100 ppm on the north and south sides of the plant. A sample taken for background comparison from an agricultural area (Frazier Park) approximately 80 miles from the plant showed 2.0 ppm DDT. On the attached plot plan are shown sample locations and DDT levels in ppm for both the samples recently taken and those reported earlier. The plant is almost entirely paved, and no samples were taken under the paving.

The State has not yet reported their analyses of the samples taken in the drainage area or indicated whether they will require cleanup of the area. The perimeter samples are, however, high in relation to agricultural contamination and to contamination off-site from the Stringfellow dump, and a considerable area in addition to the plant property could be involved.

There appears to be some potential for regulatory action which would require cleanup that could cost several million dollars. We are unable to estimate either the probability of regulatory action or what the actual costs might be. We do not know of any water contamination nor would any be suspected because DDT is highly insoluble.

It would seem wise to maintain the Montrose identity at least until we hear further from the State on the known contamination.

  
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Attachment

U.S., et al. V. Montrose, et al.  
U.S.D.C. Case No. CV 90-3122-R  
Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 4090  
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